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Tsunami Relief in Didsbury

The three Didsbury schools, Ross Ford, Westglen and Didsbury High School came together last Thursday night to raise money for the Tsunami relief. The evening included performances such as the spoons, the jazz bands, singing, drumming and lots more. The money raised, which has not yet been determined will all go towards Tsunami relief, through the Red Cross. See more photos on page 13.

-photo by Matt Karlowsky

Catholics vote "yes" to RDCRD expansion into Didsbury

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury will be included in the Red Deer Catholic Regional Division (RDCRD) expansion in 2006, when a new Catholic School is built in Olds.

Thursday night 134 people showed up at the 5-0 Club in Didsbury to vote on the issue, all Catholics. Of the 134 cast ballots, 112 were in favor of the expansion, 21 were against, and one ballot was spoiled.

Jim Myhre was elected Chairman for the meeting, and his wife Jan was secretary.

The meeting started off with a question period, were it was announced that Catholic or not, all students would be welcome to attend the school, as long as there was room.

Don Dolan, RDCRD Superintendent, said there would most likely be a port-

able school opening in 2006, and the actual school would be ready in the Fall of 2007.

"The site for the school has not been officially designated yet, but I can say it will be on the west side of Olds," said Dolan. "That is all we know, the Town decides the exact space."

With the expansion into Didsbury, busing will be available to get students to and from the school. The grades of the school is another topic yet to be decided.

"The people have spoken," said St. Anthony's Father Les Drewicki. "I'm very glad, it's all about helping our children to know God and Jesus, and we did not have that choice before. It is the spiritual atmosphere we want. I am very proud to be a Catholic, it means the world to me, it is the core of our being and we should pass that onto our children."

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-Father Les Drewicki,
St. Anthony's

Dolan also expressed his excitement for the community and their decision.

"This is a historic moment for Didsbury," said Dolan. "People now have a choice. We will now be doing a complete restructuring of the Red Deer division."

Roy Brassard, Chinook's Edge School Division chairman was less enthusiastic about the outcome.

"They did get the required numbers out," said Brassard. "I have not changed my opinion about it, I am disappointed."

Brassard remains firm that he will not resign. If a resident from either school board asked him to, he would either have to step down or renounce his Catholic faith.

"I have no intention of stepping down, whatever that means," said Brassard. "I feel very strongly about this, some unfortunate compromises will be made and that is too bad."

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NEWS

Town's snow plowing plans

by Tamara Collins

The Town of Didsbury is planning ahead for the large task of snow removal. Tuesday night at Town Council Chris McKenna, Director of Operations presented the plans to Council for approval.

"We have priorities one through five," said McKenna. "Priority one is getting the people from outside town, in."

Priority number two is clearing way for the businesses, number three is getting people across town, and the area around the curling rink and arena. Priority number four is the lesser main drags, McKenna gave the example of Westhills Dr. and other roads that run through town. Priority number five is the rest of town.

"I would just like to say I am very proud of my crew, and they are doing the best job they can," said McKenna. "I would also like to say these plans are flexible, I had a lady call me yesterday who would have been a priority five, but she needed her snow removed then so I sent a grader over right away."

Councillor Stephanie Dodyk expressed her thanks to McKenna, and said it was the first year she was not stuck in her driveway by a mound of snow.

"There was another case where a lady had two or three inches in her basement, so Chris sent a crew right over to fix the problem," said Town CAO Brian Irvine. "There is a lot of flexibility built into these plans."



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TOWN OF
DIDSBURY**Council
Highlights
-January
25, 2005****Unapproved**

The Town of Didsbury has signed an agreement with Infrastructure Systems Limited (ISL) for updating the Annexation Study.

Council has given the Kidney Foundation of Canada permission to canvass the Town of Didsbury for its annual Door-to-Door Campaign March 1 to 6, 2005.

Council approved the allocation of funding recommended by FCSS totalling \$33,100.00 to various community groups and organizations.

The next **Meet the Taxpayer Meeting** will be February 7, 2005 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Councillor Dodyk and Neufeld will attend.

A Subdivision SD 04-065 application with Mountain View County, Chinook's Edge and local resident was approved with conditions.

Council approved road closures for the Didsbury Lions Soap Box Derby, which will be held June 18, 2005. Road closure will be in place from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

An updated Snow Removal Policy Priority Map was approved by Council. Copies were provided to the media and Town Administration Office staff.

Administration will contact Alberta Transportation to see what can be worked out for service enhancement.

Council refused the request from a local resident to purchase a laneway from the Town of Didsbury in a Commercial Zone on 20th Avenue.

Council endorsed the Draft Development Agreement between the Town of Didsbury and Chinook's Edge School Division regarding the new High School. A meeting was held prior to the Council meeting with two officials from the Calgary Health Region and surrounding area municipality delegates. This meeting was brought about due to the discontinuance of obstetrical services at the Didsbury Hospital. Council will continue to work and communicate with the CHR and the local Hospital Administration.

Town of Carstairs being sued over fire department accident

Courier file photo

A firetruck that was struck by another vehicle, which the Town of Carstairs is now being sued over.

by **Shaune Mohl**

The Town of Carstairs is being sued by an Edmonton couple after a Fire Department vehicle was involved in a collision on Highway 2 nearly two years ago.

The Town's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Carl McDonnell confirmed last week that the couple's insurance company has pursued a lawsuit against The Town of Carstairs.

"I can confirm that there is a lawsuit against the fire department, after a collision which happened on Highway 2," McDonnell said.

Not many of the details can be released at this time due to the legalities involved.

Discoveries for the case started two weeks ago, with two of the Carstairs Fire Department members being questioned.

The three members who were questioned were involved in the collision.

The collision occurred just south of the Carstairs overpass which leads onto highway 2.

Fire department members were responding to a collision on highway 2 northbound.

In order to get to the

northbound lane the responding vehicle, which was an SUV carrying the two fire department members, came down from the exit ramp onto the south bound lane, and crossed over the two lanes of southbound traffic.

The SUV entered into the median (between the northbound and southbound lanes) in order to cross over to the northbound lanes and when they came up onto the northbound side of Highway 2 a new style four door cavalier struck the SUV from behind.

The cavalier was carrying two older people, one male in his 80's who was injured severely and his wife, who walked away from the scene with minor injuries.

The fire departments SUV ended up rolling with the two fire department members still inside, although neither member sustained serious injuries.

The SUV was written off. This past Monday, McDonnell and the lead fire department member responsible for the investigation of the collision went through discovery questioning in Edmonton.

"This process is where they just sit down and look at all the facts," McDonnell

"We are going to be looking for recommendation on protocol on the highway and how calls are to be handled out on the highway. We are confident on how the fire department handled this situation."

-Carl McDonnell,
Town of Carstairs CAO

explained.

The Town is hoping that once all the evidence is laid out on the table that the Town will walk away without any lawsuit against them.

Figures of how much the couple is suing the Town for are not known at this time, McDonnell says.

"We are not counter suing. We are certainly defending the actions of the fire department," McDonnell said.

RCMP did not lay any charges in this accident against either party.

Once discoveries wrap up a trial date is expected to be set for late May, early June.

If the couple is successful at obtaining a settlement the Town is covered by insurance, McDonnell confirmed.

To ensure that another collision of this sort doesn't happen again the Town will be sitting down with Fire Department members to look at the protocol.

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Concerns

I was quite concerned at the way the Town CAO responded to my editorial on Jan. 12th about the snow plower that blocked in my car. In this



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

month's "The Town Crier" Town CAO wrote that I "accusatorially pointed a finger towards the Town..." No where in my editorial did I even mention the Town, no one knows where I live, maybe I live in the County. For the purpose of not pointing fingers, I did not mention any names.

I realize that snow plowing is probably not an easy task, and a lot of hard work is involved. I am just concerned at the number of people who come to me with snow plow issues and say you need to do something because I can't get my car out, I can't walk here, this happens every winter, I am stuck...

I do not write these things to get under anyone's skin, or cause upset, I write them because they are very valid concerns, and I am the voice of dozens of upset people.

One lady came to me to say snow was plowed into the middle of the street and they had no room to get by, so three cars on her street were sideswiped. Another lady told me they can never turn left when leaving AG Foods in the winter cause the snow is plowed too high in the middle of the street, and that this was a big inconvenience. A man came to me, very upset, because his car was blocked in... again.

Last week an angry mom came to me because the Town snow plowers were out doing the roads at 3 pm, the same time children get out of school, not in the wee hours of the morning, and she had to drive three extra blocks to pick up her children.

My motive was simply to help all the people that came to me, everyone deserves to be heard, and if the Town says they are doing the best job they can, well then I believe that.

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MYRON THOMPSON'S COLUMN

Thompson says the number one issue to hit Wild Rose is same-sex marriages

by Myron Thompson

Member of Parliament for Wild Rose says as of this week same-sex marriage has become the number one issue to hit Wild Rose in the past 12 years.

"The response to this issue has been overwhelming. I have received over 6,000 e-mails since Christmas from all across Canada, as well as hundreds of phone calls, faxes and letter from

constituents of Wild Rose. It is to the point where as of today I have instructed my staff to stop answering all correspondence on this issue. The people of Wild Rose will have to understand that I don't have the manpower to keep up," said Thompson.

"I want to re-assure everyone that I will continue voting in Parliament as they wish which is against legalizing same-sex marriage. I

will also continue to do everything in my power to preserve the traditional definition of marriage," stated Thompson.

"I am absolutely thrilled that people have mobilized on this issue. It's like nothing I've ever seen. Once again, I would encourage them to write to the Prime Minister and explain the impact this issue will have on our country," concluded Thompson.

Wonderings of the heart

Margaret Fradley

"Being Pampered"

On our recent cruise, I had a taste of what it was like to be 'pampered'. It was something quite new to me. Our dining room waiter, pulled out our chairs for us, putting our linen napkin on our lap, and served us with dignity and warmth. On one occasion after the evening meal, I stood up and attempted to help one of the waiters put the table cloth on the table, this amused him to no end and he reminded me that was not my job!! The bedroom steward made up our bed, cleaned our rooms, and put a fresh bowl of fruit on our end table. In the evening he prepared our beds, and left a chocolate on our pillows. This went on for a week.

It was finally time to come home; the following morning, I went into our bedroom, there was no bed made up; no fruit; and I discovered as the day went on, there was no dining room steward, and I was awakened, as one in a dream, to discover I was now once again the dining room steward, and bedroom steward, and all that went with it. Well it was a wonderful experience while it lasted, and I have to admit and be honest, it was good to be home again, even as a 'steward'!!



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Nursing in Didsbury

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you from the perspective of a RN who has been nursing for 28 years. My experience has been in the area of critical care. I am employed on a casual basis with the Calgary Health Region in an emergency department. I average 30 hours per week.

When we moved to Carstairs 14 years ago, I interviewed for a nursing position in the Didsbury Hospital. At that time it was an expectation that when on duty you would be required to assist with the obstetrical patients and their deliveries. When expressed concern that my skill set did not include experience in this area, the manager said they would try to have another nurse brought in to cover the delivery. However, there was no

guarantee of this, and I did not feel I could offer the level of specialized care required for obstetrics in a small, rural hospital. In light of this I did not take the job offered and have been commuting to Calgary to work ever since.

After reading the article in the Didsbury Review published on January 19th regarding the changes to obstetrical services in Didsbury, and in particular the quotes attributed to Dr. Puts I was furious. If this article can elicit such a strong response from someone who has never met Dr. Puts, or worked in Didsbury, I can only imagine the anger, frustration and sense of betrayal the nurses who have been working there must feel.

In the article it was mentioned that the solution is to find "multi-talented nurses,

willing to do their job." My understanding is that on the evening and night shifts, Didsbury has 2 RN's on duty. These RN's are responsible for up to 15 inpatients plus all emergencies that come in. Their patient census may include, the elderly, the dying, children, and any acute emergency that may need to be stabilized. When I am in Calgary, I am supported by an onsite, dedicated ER staff, that includes at least 2 physicians, unit clerks, porters, nursing attendants, 24 HOURS A DAY. Didsbury RN's cover all these positions, PLUS answer phones! If these rural nurses don't qualify as "multi-talented" then who does?

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Beth Kope

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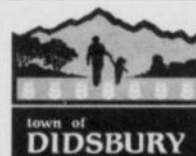
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

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Tuesday, February 15, 2005 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

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Wednesday, February 9, 2005 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

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Monday, February 7, 2005 - Council Chambers,
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Theatre Didsbury - New Comedy

by Marge & Derek

Excellent news from Theatre Didsbury - they have a new comedy "Playing Doctor" ready for you to enjoy. The cast is made up of Ross Parkin, Matt Buck, Sue Kary, Wanda Braybrook, Derek Lewis, Rick Phillips, Jenny Fox and Tony Sylvestre, acting and directing.

And the bookings so far are:

Sat. Feb. 26 - Westcott Community Hall. Phone Don at 337-2049 for tickets.

Sat. Mar. 4 - Beiseker Lions Club. Ivan Cook 947-2192.

Fri. Mar. 11 & Sat. Mar. 12 - Cottonwood Community Centre. Cottonwood Ag. Society. Brenda Allen 227-2833.

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Other dates & places have yet to be confirmed, and will be posted when the time comes.

ZEM & Friends Youth Theatre Players

Fun family entertainment - this is what ZEM & Friends Youth Theatre Players seek to present in local drama. Last year's production of THE GENTLEMAN FROM INDIANA performed to an enthusiastic crowd for three consecutive shows. Since then people have been asking, (When is the next one?) The answer is March 4th, 5th and 6th at Zion E.M. church in Didsbury. This year the production is CHARLOTTE'S WEB, a musical drama based on the story by E.B. White. The actors and actresses range in age from 12 - 17 years. Wilbur, a pig, was lovingly raised by a girl named Fern but now he is a barn pig. He is bored and lonely until he meets Charlotte, the beautiful spider that also lives in the barn. Charlotte thinks of a wonderful way to save Wilbur from a pig's unhappy fate. Her clever plan will delight people of any age in this famous story. CHARLOTTE'S WEB.

Letter

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It is a fact that there are shortages of medical personnel from all disciplines. Finding additional staff to assist with services in Didsbury is not as simple as placing an ad in the paper. There are no pools of experienced physicians and nurses just waiting to fill vacancies in medicine today. Nor do I think there will ever again in the future. Medical advances over the 28 years of my career have seen my responsibilities expand well into areas formerly covered by physicians. I am qualified for 3 Life Support Certificates and hold several advanced competencies. In spite of this I do not feel I could meet the standard of care required to assist in an obstetrical delivery. The last time I saw a baby born was in 1977!

Should we ask why we have not been able to keep obstetrical on call positions filled in Didsbury? To meet the standard of care in any discipline, let alone obstetrical care, you need qualified physicians and nurses, well-screened patients who meet guidelines appropriate for rural hospitals, and opportunities to keep their skills current. How thinly spread do we expect our nurses to become? Do we have enough deliveries in Didsbury to keep current? Bad outcomes in any area of medical care are hard to bear, but a bad outcome that results in loss of life to a mother and/or baby is devastating. The health regions and nurses as patient advocates will always err on the side of patient safety when it is unclear that all appropriate assets are in place.

Are we exploring ways to extend our physician and nursing resources? Are there educational, scheduling or financial incentives that will attract new faces to our community? To insinuate that our local nurses do not care is untrue and uncalled for. The next time you meet a local nurse on the street, stop and talk to them. Find out about the hours they work and the overtime. Ask them when they last

had a vacation request approved. These are the people that will look after my loved ones and me when a medical problem arises. We must explore ways to provide safe and competent care, retain the nurses we now have in our health care system and attract others in the area like me. Articles such as mentioned above do nothing but

leave the public with a slanted view, undermine the working relationships between health professionals and ultimately adversely affect patient care. Lets all become better informed about the issues and not jump to conclusions. This is a complicated issue.

Mary Ellen
Speers RN,
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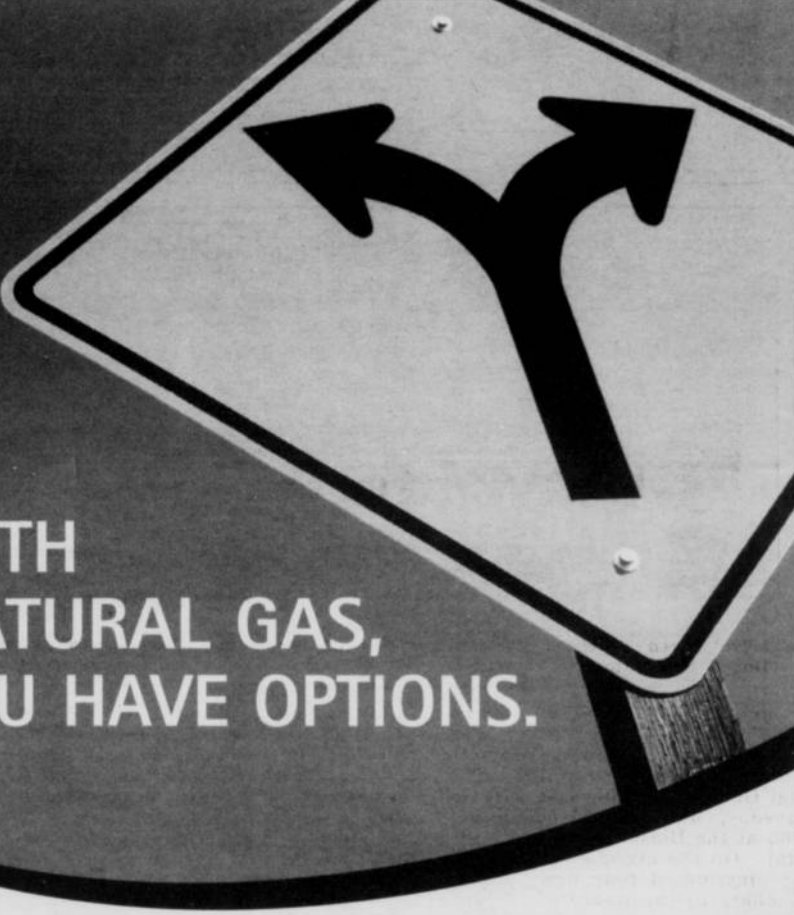


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Neighborhood

CHR and Calgary Health Trust speaks to Rosebud Health Foundation



photo by Matt Karlowsky

L-R: Mary Lou Hosegood, Margaret Baril, Myrna Grimmon, Becky Nickerson, Scott Puttick, Vicky Ponner, Don MacMillan, John Overwater (absent: Stephanie Dodyk, Gale Venio).

by Matt Karlowsky

The Rosebud Health Foundation held its 8th Annual General Meeting last Tuesday, January 25th, 2005 at the Didsbury Hospital. On the agenda was the election of four new members to the Board of Directors, replacing two resigning Directors and two whose terms had expired. Each member of the Board is elected for a period of three years, which can then be extended for an additional three years. Volunteering to join the Board were Margaret Baril, Stephanie Dodyk and Scott Puttick. The fourth addition, a nomination from the floor, was Mary Lou Hosegood. Two internal au-

ditors were also appointed, John Kohut and Don MacMillan.

The goal of the Rosebud Health Foundation is to raise funds which can be directly put towards purchasing new equipment and furniture for the Hospital in Didsbury. In 2004, over \$35,000 was donated to the Hospital through the Foundation, resulting in the purchase of a cardiac defibrillator, a fluid and blanket warmer, and three new beds. As it is a volunteer operation, with no paid staff members, the Rosebud Health Foundation has thus far been able to operate with minimal overhead, allowing a large majority of funds collected to be put to use at the Hospital.

One of the special guests attending the meeting, Lori Anderson, a Director of Rural Health with the Calgary Health Region, spoke to the recent closure of the Obstetrics unit. "The decision was based on the safety of our patients," said Anderson. "There is a huge difficulty in obtaining adequate staffing, and we have to ensure a one-on-one nursing relationship with a patient in active labor. We weren't able to say with confidence that we could commit to that at this time." Anderson reminded attendees that the closure was temporary and under review, but added it will continue until the CHR can ensure absolute safety and commit to the sustainability of the unit.

Anderson also commented on fears that the Didsbury Hospital was being slowly dismantled. "The CHR has added over 100 beds to rural hospitals in the past months, and has spent nearly \$250,000 on new furniture. We wouldn't be investing so much if we weren't committed to utilizing these facilities in the future."

Another guest, Barry Knapp, spoke to the Foundation about fundraising. Knapp is a Development Officer with the Calgary Health Trust, an organization committed to fundraising for the Calgary Health Region. Knapp shared his experiences in working with the Calgary Health Trust, and offered many ideas which were gratefully accepted by members

of the Rosebud Health Foundation. Knapp communicated very strongly that it is of utmost importance to develop lasting relationships with donors. "It's not the dollar that comes in the door, it's the face and name, and potential for donation." He also expressed the reality that the frontline staff in health facilities, the doctors and nurses, receptionists, and even janitors, need to be ambassadors to potential donors. "Health care is a 'top-of-mind' issue. There are so many good stories to tell, but all we read about is the bad." Knapp feels that with better awareness of all the great things going on in our health facilities, people will be better able to see that their donations are making a difference.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

A Stamp Camp in Didsbury on Feb. 2nd

by Marge St. Clair

How fortunate we are to be living in Central Alberta. Today, Jan. 25 at 1:15 p.m., a small red convertible with the top down and 3 young people, no hats, no coats (only sweaters) laughing away, drove by my house, a wonderful break in the weather after the first two weeks in Jan.

Wed. Feb. 2

A Stamp Camp from 7 - 10 p.m. and Fri. Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at #16 Rosebud Estates. Phone Linda 335-3146.

Thurs. Feb. 3

Today, Friends "n" Fun activities for seniors at Eldon Foote Hall from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. will be the birthday celebration with cake and music. Fitness class is also on the agenda. If you need transportation to these Thursday afternoon events please phone Lois at the office 335-4391 and arrangements will be made.

Fri. Feb. 4

Everyone is welcome to attend the card party at Midway School with play starting at 7:30 p.m. Lunch is served.

Fri. Feb. 4

Cribbage play starts at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. You will enjoy the cards, visiting and the light lunch.

The Calgary Health Region Influenza clinics at the Didsbury Hospital are continuing through March for those at high risk. Please phone the Didsbury Health Unit

at 335-7292 for info and appointment.

Sat. Feb. 5

Come to watch the Mountain View Colts at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena when they host the Stettler Lightning.

Sun. Feb. 6

St. Anthony's Catholic Church Roast Beef Supper with all the trimmings will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Church Gymnasium (in the Rosebud Valley) Special family rates, everyone welcome.

Mon. Feb. 7

The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer Support Group will be held in the Board Room at the Olds Hospital from 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please phone Wendy at 335-2393 for more details.

Tues. Feb. 8

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the assembly room for the annual meeting. New members always welcome.

Tues. Feb. 8

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church will welcome one and all to the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper being held in the church hall from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Admission at the door.

Wed. Feb. 9

The monthly Pot luck dinner is being held at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Make your favorite meat casserole, veggies, salad or dessert and enjoy. The annual meeting will also be held today starting at 1:30 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 11

Everyone is welcome to the Carstairs Church of God for the annual Turkey & Ham Supper from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Admission at the door, ENJOY.

Fri. Feb. 11 & Sat. Feb. 12

The Alberta Mennonite Mens Bonspiel is on at the Didsbury Curling Rink. The curling is great to watch, the lunches & pies are absolutely excellent. Phone Herman Epp at 335-3894 to enter your team.

Sat. Feb. 12

The Mountain View Colts are home to the Ponoka Team at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. Sun. Feb. 13 the Colts will suit up against the Hobbema team at 4:00 p.m. Come and cheer the team on.

Tues. Feb. 15

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast is being held from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. "Healthy and Happy Hearts". Special Feature - Heart Health. Luella Currie - Health Nurse.

Special Speaker - Genevieve Blume - Castor. Special Music - Gay and Dianna - Cellists. Please make a reservation by phoning Deb at 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765. Free baby sitting is supplied by the club.

Wed. Feb. 16

A get together for fun, the inaugural luncheon of the Didsbury "Red Hat Society" is being held at the Didsbury Inn at 1:30 p.m. Please wear something purple and a Red Hat. No dues, no minutes more info by phoning Rosemary 335-4848 or 335-2082.

UP AND DOWN THE FIREMAN'S LADDER

Nice weather makes the winter seem shorter

by Tyrone Patten

I'm sure glad that the weather has been so nice lately, as it sure makes the winter seem shorter when January is warm. It sure didn't start out that way with the blizzard we had on January 6. There were some people that were on the highway that day, and they said it was a nightmare. You didn't want to follow too close in case the person in front had trouble. There was no place to pull over either.

Hopefully that will be all for this year. I've been in holiday mode most of this month, and haven't talked to the training officer about this spring's schedule, but I did over hear Mike mention that we all must refresh our H2S training soon.

With so much gas and oil in the area, we have to be prepared to give a hand when necessary. I also heard it said that there will be

a Methamphetamine workshop in Olds in March. This is to let us know what we will be facing if we were to respond to a call where they were making Meth. Apparently they use some highly dangerous substances to make the drug. As time goes on, I'm sure training officer O'Dell will have some exciting and effective training for us.

As always, I didn't get the final information for the calls in 2004 before the Chief took them away, but we did respond to 165 calls last year.

That averages out to one call every other day. Hopefully this year will be different. Since the first of January, we have responded to 10 calls. They were:

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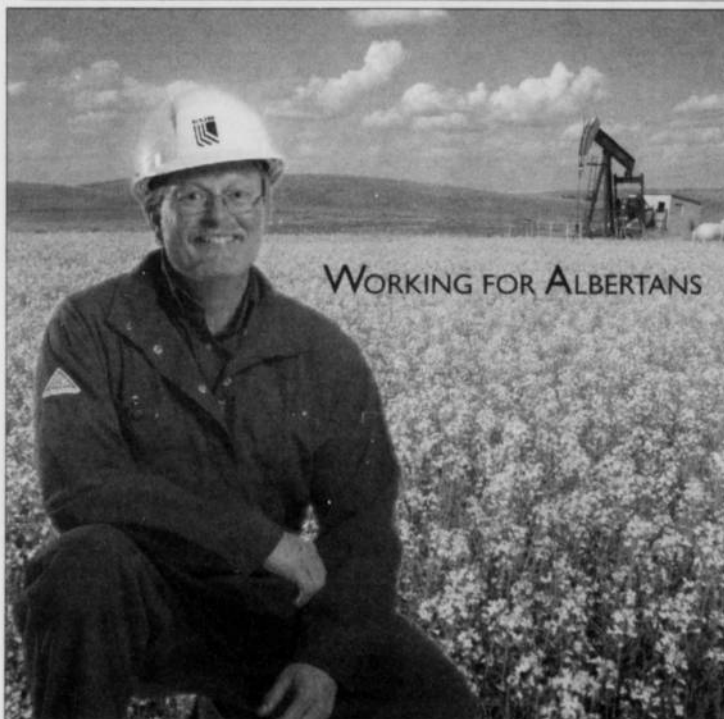
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Flaring: What do you know?

by Claudette Lacombe

I have to come clean. I'm an Albertan that didn't want to wade into the flaring debate. At first it was easy to go about my life and leave the issue up to people more involved and knowledgeable than I.

Then three things happened to raise my awareness. Oil and gas development took off at a phenomenal rate in my area, I started seeing flares and well development right on my doorstep and I found out what comes off a burning flare.

I started putting together some facts. I contacted the local oil and gas companies and found out that among them they planned to drill over 900 new wells in our county in 2004. I also found out that the provincial total for gas flared in 2000 is in billions of cubic meters.

Flares produce the same combustion by-products that forced the auto industry to develop catalytic converters and flares have no such device. They emit nitrous oxide, sulfur dioxide, benzene and other pollutants. There are proven health risks associated with flaring and it contributes on a grand scale to global warming and acid rain.

I also found out that

other countries in the world insist on much higher standards for clean emissions than we do in Alberta. The problem is that flare stacks are quite inefficient burners. They are subject to decreasing efficiency when it's windy and when is it not windy on the prairie?

The really frustrating component of my research to date is that technology exists to ensure these flares burn clean. The Rimbeys and District Clean Air People (RADCAP) investigated an alternative technology out of Europe called the Clean Enclosed Burner (CEB) that reduces pollutants by 99.9 per cent and also reduces the noise and light pollution from the gas incineration process. My view is that if the technology exists to virtually eliminate the harmful effects of flaring, why aren't we using it?

I hear that when an energy company approaches a landowner for access to their land, the landowner has the right to set the conditions of how the lease will operate. Therefore, I urge landowners to investigate alternatives to conventional gas flaring. Take a look at what they achieved in Rimbeys, AB. As citizens, landowners and industry, Albertans have the ability to protect our health and environment. Let's do it.

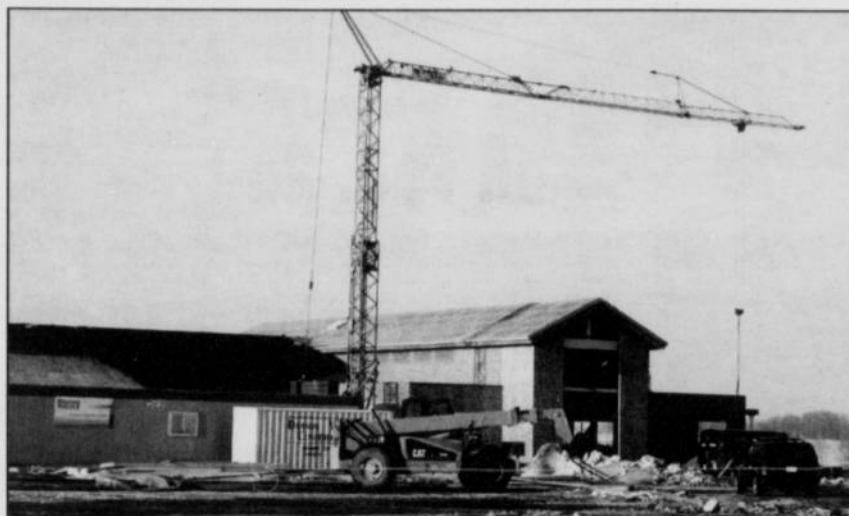


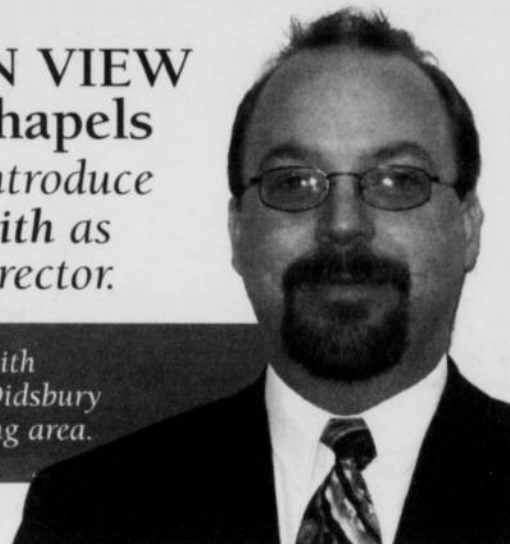
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About a month ago my grandsons' bike was stolen from their front yard. When I came across this article I couldn't help but wonder if the consequence for stealing a bike was still **30 days in jail** just how many bikes would go missing. To the credit of this young man he **did** peddle a long way hoping to find work!

...I'm not sure how many would do that today.

Rode from Didsbury On Stolen Bicycle: Jailed for 30 Days

Two bicycles were stolen from Didsbury last weekend - Tom Royd's and Cyril Sharman finding their machines missing. Sharman's cycle was recovered in Calgary, but the Royds wheel has not yet been found. The following news story from the Herald is the sequel.

Frank Lezaryk, 19 years of age, wanted to come to Calgary to look for work, but he chose the wrong way of making the trip from Didsbury

He saw a bicycle leaning against a post, and took the machine. He rode all day and night and arrived here during the weekend.

Monday morning the R.C.M.P. reported the bicycle as stolen and Detective William Symons recovered it in Lezark's possession.

Magistrate W.S. Davidson sentenced the youth to 30 days in jail for theft, while a charge of vagrancy against him was withdrawn.

Faces



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by Tamara Collins

Westglen kicks off magazine campaign



Jean Nickel and Connie Visser

The Westglen School Annual Magazine Campaign is taking off this month. On Feb. 2 students from the school will be pushing hard to reach their goal

of selling 707 magazines.

"This is the major fundraiser of the year," said organizer Jean Nickel. "The students will be selling to their friends, family,

and anyone who is interested."

The students will not be going door to door, so if you are interested in supporting the fundraiser, but do not know a student at the school you can contact the school directly.

This fundraiser allows you to chose from over 600 magazine subscriptions, or you can renew a past subscription. Another unique opportunity through the fundraiser is to buy a new, or renew a subscription to the Didsbury Review.

The fundrasier starts Feb. 2 and runs until Feb. 16.

"The money we raise goes towards field trips, uniforms, author visits, special events, and to assist students who could

otherwise not afford to participate in certain things, it helps subsidize the cost of some events," said Nickel.

Each student is given a booklet that lists all the available magazines, these prizes are usually considerably less than buying the magazine elsewhere.

"This fundraiser really benefits the students," said Nickel. "40 percent of the sales goes directly to the school."

If the students reach their goal of the 707 magazines teacher Jeff Johnson has agreed to wear a dress for a day.

"Not only that," said Connie Visser, organizer, "the students get to pick the dress from the drama department."

Principal Phil Corning has also agreed to let the winning class dye and spike his hair.

"They can't permanently dye it," said Visser. "But there are washout colors they can use."

In the event that the students surpass their goal and reach 808 magazine subscriptions, there will be a \$100 cash draw.

"Students get one entry per subscription sold," said Visser. "So if they sell one subscription, they get one entry."

The first prize day is Feb. 8, the second prize day is Feb. 10, the third prize day is Feb. 15, and the final prize day will be Feb. 17. You can contact Westglen at 335-8700 for more information.

Didsbury awarded minor hockey provincials

Hockey fans get ready for a weekend of fun, competition, and of course hockey!

The Didsbury Revolvers will be hosting provincials here from March 18th to 20th.

"We were picked out of all the B centres in the province," said Didsbury Minor Hockey president Gord Krebs. "What centre you are depends on the size of it."

The event starts up Friday night with the opening ceremony, and finishes Sunday afternoon with the Gold game.

To help this event take place Didsbury Minor Hockey is looking for sponsorship. There are different levels of sponsorship available, the biggest be-

ing the Gold game and the opening ceremony, which is expected to draw between 1200 and 1500 people.

To sponsor either of these events the cost is \$500, and included in that you get two weekend passes, a souvenir program, a PA announcement, a full page ad in the program, your business banner up in the arena, and the option of helping select and present the Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards.

The next level of sponsorship is the semi-finals which is \$250. This level also includes two weekend passes, a souvenir program, a PA announcement, an ad in the program, your business banner up in the

arena, and the option of helping select and present the Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards.

You can sponsor the Didsbury Revolver's round robin games for \$250.

This includes the same things as the semi final sponsorship.

You can also sponsor any other round robin game for \$200, which also includes the same things as the semi-finals.

Basic program sponsors are available, a half page ad for \$75 or a business card ad for \$25.

"We are also looking for prizes for our raffle table," said Krebs. "Donating to this will get you an ad in the program also."

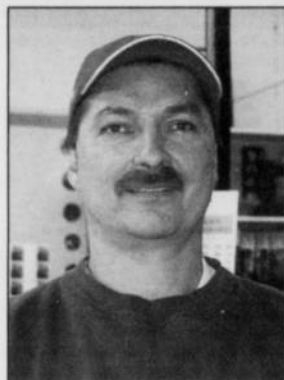
For more information on sponsorship you can contact Leanne Wenckowski at 335-3442, or 335-2355.

"This is a great chance for our kids to be the provincial champions," said Krebs. "Come out and watch and get excited for them. It is also a great chance for us to show off Didsbury, the hotels and restaurants will get great exposure."

In total there will be eight teams competing.

"This is also a great fundraiser for our association," said Krebs.

Last time Didsbury Minor Hockey hosted provincials was in 2002.



Gord Krebs

Lions celebrate 60 years



Gerard Fournier

The Lions Charter Night will take place on Feb. 12th, to celebrate 60 years of service to the community.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with happy time, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The entertainment for the evening will be Richard and Debroah Popovich, this

is the couple who does entertainment for the Stettler Prairie Train every year.

"It is going to be a good time," said Lion Gerard Fournier.

"The theme for the evening is 60 years of music. It is also two days before Valentine's Day."

Tickets are \$25 each, and you can contact any Lions member to purchase them. The event will take place at the Memorial Complex here in Didsbury.

"I would like us to think back to 1945 when the first group of Lions got together and formed the Charter,

which would have been that January," said Fournier. "World War II was still on at that time. To this day the Lions have greatly benefited the community."

Gerard also mentioned this would be the hottest event of the year...until Trade Show that is.

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June 24, 2004 - Calgary
Parents: Grant & Dawn Green
Grandparents: Wayne & Barb Green



Alyssa Rose Loke

January 2, 2004 - Calgary (Balzac)
Parents: Peter & Shelley Loke
Grandparent: Maxine Ollech



Danielle Lyn Howard

February 12, 2004 - Didsbury
Parents: Shane & Kimberly Howard
Grandparents: Gary & Terry Russell



Jesse James Rylance

February 5, 2004 - Didsbury
Parents: Jimmy Rylance & Tanya Ayers
Grandparents: Susan Allard & June Wright



Carter James Brown

September 2, 2004 - Chilliwack
Parents: Rob & Karen Brown
Grandparents: Eugene & Jean Brown



Sterling Charles Dorian Aubee

June 15, 2004 - Didsbury
Parents: Marc & Wanda Aubee
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Bill Portsmouth & Jean Summers



Zack Robert Miller

March 19, 2004 - Didsbury
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Joe & Nan Volker



Taurie Lynn McPherson

May 21, 2004 - Didsbury
Parents: Kellie & Cam McPherson
Grandparents: Gil & Amy Enns and
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Didsbury Schools' Tsunami Relief Concert

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Fixed wild cats need good homes

by Tamara Collins

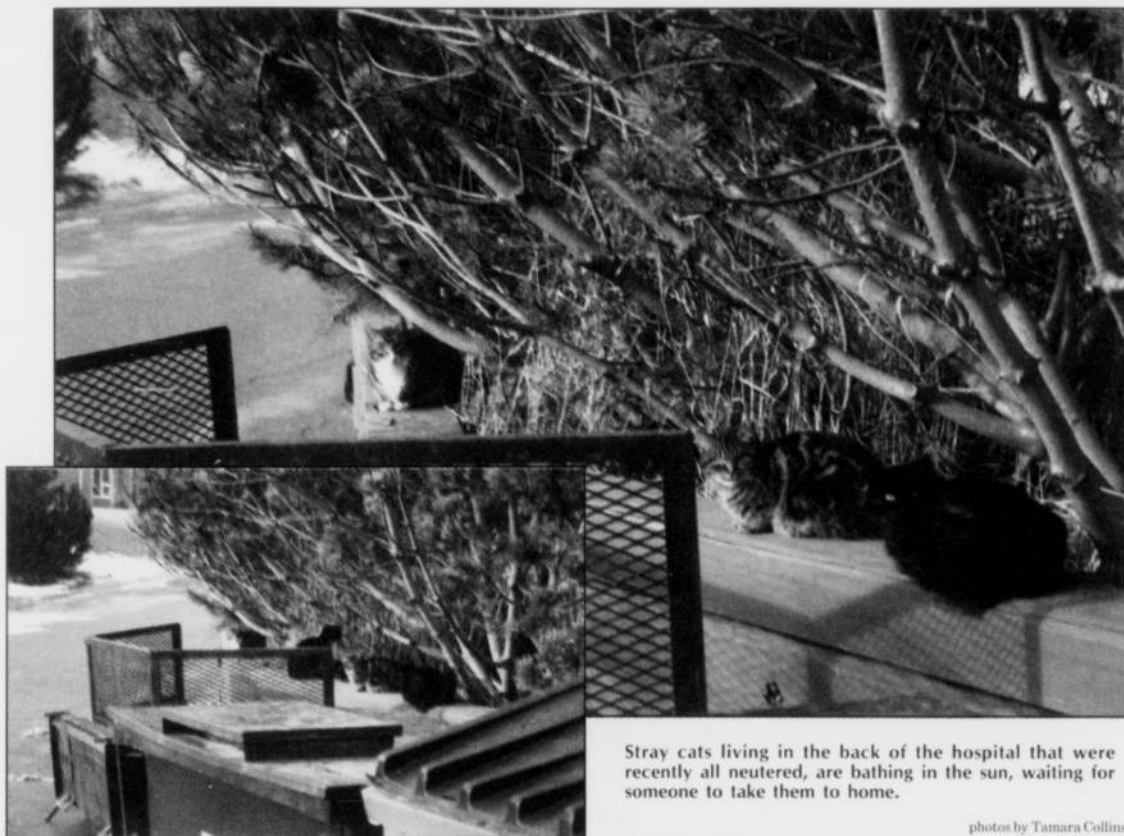
Didsbury Hospital has some friendly neighbors that are in need of a good home. For years now the hospital has had stray cats living in the back. Recently 15 of these cats were taken away to be spayed or neutered, and now they are back and the hospital is looking for homes for them.

"We want to give away at least 10, but we want to keep some. We will have to catch them in traps to give away. They are very healthy, cute, nice cats, perfect barn cats and they need good homes."

-Dawna Faryna, Recreational Therapy aid

"These cats would make excellent barn cats," said Dawna Faryna, Recreational Therapy aid. "They are wild, but now they are also fixed."

Faryna said the hospital used to have a problem with mice, but since these cats moved into the back they



Stray cats living in the back of the hospital that were recently all neutered, are bathing in the sun, waiting for someone to take them to home.

photos by Tamara Collins

have kept the mice population way down.

"We want to give away at least 10, but we want to keep some," said Faryna. "We will have to catch them in traps to give away. They are very

healthy, cute, nice cats, perfect barn cats and they need good homes."

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Klein & Minister Blowing Smoke On Province Wide Ban

by Ian Gray

Premier Ralph Klein took steps this week to get his government back "at the head of the parade" on the issue of provincial smoking regulations (a smoking "ban"). Our Premier likes to find a parade and get in front of it; as he's publicly stated that's the key to his success. But this is one parade that got wholly away from him and he's not going to catch-up.

Klein announced Tuesday there is now a "process" in place to handle the issue, although you can argue it's the issue that handled Klein. The process is the usual one: Health Minister Iris Evans more on her later- will come forward with a proposal to be presented to cabinet; then standing policy committee; then caucus and then, maybe to the legislature. Klein also said that the SPC deliberations should be public, which is normally not the case on policy issues, and it's hard to believe anything actually being decided or honestly debated by MLAs in such a public showcase.

The Premier said that he personally would have no further comment on the issue, in public anyway, and suggested something would be decided before the end of the Spring session.

Less than a month ago Klein said he would never consider a province-wide regulation on smoking in public places, saying the issue was too "divisive" and should be left to the municipalities. Surprisingly, that was also the position of Health Minister Iris Evans, as of December 23. Evans insisted, based on her own municipal experience, the question was best left to local governments. However, by mid-January, Evans was

publicly in favour of provincial regulation of smoking in the "workplace."

What happened? The shrewd and ambitious Ms. Evans saw which way the smoke was blowing, in terms of public support for a province wide ban and realized Klein was on the wrong side of the issue. She gambled she had little to fear from the departing Klein or from Chief of Staff Rod Love- who is effectively neutered because of his previous lobbying efforts against a ban, on behalf of the tobacco industry.

The gamble paid off and it's Evans, not Klein, at the head of the parade. And she's been joined in her stand by Gary Mar (who as Health Minister proposed similar regulation two years ago and was crushed by Klein), Dave Hancock, and Lyle Oberg, all of whom, including Evans, have been touted as potential leadership candidates (A weighty point to ponder - how can you tell which cabinet ministers are thinking about a leadership run? Just see who's slimmed down dramatically in recent months: Evans- a reported 60 pounds; Hancock 55 pounds; Mar 40 pounds).

Evans was back in the headlines this week with vague proposals for tax credits for people who live "healthy life styles". Look for more of the same sorts of attention grabbing pronouncements from Evans in the weeks ahead. Bottom line for wanna-be Premiers? If you wrap yourself in a popular issue, you're pretty much bullet proof these days.

Ian Gray is the Legislature Correspondent for CKUA and operates the Capitol News Bureau at the Alberta Legislature Press Gallery.

Major Seed Fair & Hay Show comes to Olds

A growing partnership between Olds College and the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede has created an opportunity for the Calgary Seed Fair & Hay Show to be hosted by Olds for the first time in its 57 year history.

"This is one example of how the partnership between the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede and Olds College is reinforcing our respective goals of supporting industry and advancing education," said Robert Wise, Agricultural Manager with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. "The competition aspect of the Seed Fair & Hay Show will now be held at Olds College and winning samples later showcased in the Ag-tivity in the City - Discovery Center during the Calgary Stampede. We are very pleased with this arrangement."

The 2005 Seed Fair & Hay Show will take place during

Olds College's Open House on Saturday, April 2. The organizing committee, comprised of volunteers from all walks of this province's grain and hay industries, are expecting at least 70 samples of hay and 250 samples of seed from throughout Alberta to be judged.

"This is a very important competition and an exciting opportunity for Olds College," said Ken Rynning, Crop and Agri-Food Technology instructor. "Growers of pedigreed seed, for example, will look at marketing their product according to how well they do in this type of competition. This is a great marketing and networking opportunity even for non-winning entries, to have this level of exposure to such a large audience."

Olds College's Open House traditionally draws upwards of 3000 people to campus. With the Seed Fair & Hay Show included, Rynning is confident some of this year's Open House guests may be

interested in buying seed or looking for good hay product for their livestock.

"Hosting this competition is also an excellent learning opportunity for students in our Crop and Agri-Food Technology program and Intercollegiate Judging Club. They will be rubbing shoulders with professional industry leaders and judges, and they will see how this calibre of show is organized, set up, displayed and judged," said Rynning.

"We are all very enthused about hosting this competition on campus. My hope is to make this a national event within the next ten years and expand into other agricultural crops in the future. One day, value added agri-foods may be a part of it."

Deadlines and qualifying information for including samples in this year's Seed Fair & Hay Show are available at www.oldscollege.ca/seedhay/.

PUBLIC NOTICE



NRCB Natural Resources Conservation Board

nrcb.gov.ab.ca

Notice of Application: Confined Feeding Operation

AAA Cattle Company Ltd. (the "Applicant") was issued Natural Resources Conservation Board ("NRCB") Approval No. RA02001X dated July 18, 2003 ("Approval") subsequent to NRCB Board Decision 03-04 dated March 26, 2003.

The Approval authorized the expansion of an existing confined feeding operation from a 2500 head feedlot to a feedlot for 18,200 head comprised of a combined 16,200 head beef feeder and a 2000 head beef finisher facility on SW 08-31-27-W4 in Mountain View County.

On November 8, 2004, the Alberta Court of Appeal quashed Board Decision 03-04 and any decisions resulting therefrom.

By letter dated December 20, 2004 the Board directed that the matter be remitted back to the Approval Officer for reconsideration in accordance with the Decision of the Alberta Court of Appeal and the Agricultural Operation Practices Act ("AOPA").

The Applicant's revised application with the NRCB is for an amendment to an existing approval consisting of Mountain View County Development Permit 119-97, which is deemed to be an NRCB Approval pursuant to section 18.1 of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act ("AOPA"). The application is to expand an existing confined feeding operation located on SW 08-31-27-W4 in Mountain View County from a 2500 head feedlot to a feedlot for 18,200 head comprised of a combined 16,200 head beef feeder and a 2000 head beef finisher facility.

Filing Statements of Concern

Pursuant to section 19 of the AOPA, any person who is directly affected by an application may submit a statement of concern to the NRCB. The statement of concern must be received by the NRCB on or before March 3, 2005. Submissions should be made to the NRCB at the address identified below. Statements of concern should include your name, address, phone number, fax number (if available), a detailed summary of how you would be directly affected by the application and the legal land location of your residence or landholdings.

Failure to submit a statement of concern on the part of directly affected party may affect the party's right to apply for an NRCB review of the application. Statements submitted regarding the application are public record and are accessible by the public.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application materials submitted for reconsideration to the NRCB under the AOPA, including information and particulars filed in support thereof, may be viewed during regular business hours at the Red Deer office of the NRCB and at the Mountain View County Planning and Development Department until February 24, 2005.

Dated at Red Deer, Alberta, on January 26, 2005.

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When things go wrong...

Dear Family and Friends,

Sometimes when things go wrong, they really go wrong. The Huff family, with three daughters and a son, came to Nigeria just after Hillcrest School started in August. The parents did language study in Hausa and Brian, the father, was to start teaching at Hillcrest in January. However, just before Christmas he ran into a clothesline and ended up with concussion and torn shoulder ligaments. He and the oldest daughter, Bree, flew to South Africa where Brian had surgery to fix his shoulder.

I talked with him after service this morning and he's happy about how that turned out. He has no pain and can start doing some mild exercises in a couple of weeks. He returned just last Saturday.

On Tuesday, his wife, Beth, went to the hospital with severe abdominal pains. She had had such pains before, while they were in the States. This time it turned out to be appendicitis. Tuesday night she had surgery.

As it happens, the surgeon at the hospital is in the States just now, recovering from a gunshot wound. However, a Nigerian doctor did the surgery assisted by Dr. Truxton, a lady gynecologist, who just returned from leave. We see her presence here as a real encouragement for this situation.

So before six months of their first term was up, both Brian and Beth have had to have surgery.

Brian admitted that this was perhaps the most trying time of their marriage, but God has sustained them and given them His grace.

I trust that the next time I want to complain I'll remember that I've had a pretty easy life with no major difficulties. We thank God for our good health and safety.

It's warm again and the dust is gone! Actually it's about 37 degrees Celsius (I just did the math on the calculator) or about 99 degrees Fahrenheit right now at 3:30 in the afternoon. I don't mind a bit of warmth. After a couple of weeks of cooler weather it's nice to get warm again. I'm walking again in the mornings. I had stopped because of the dust and

cold, but I need to exercise.

Yesterday morning we went to town and bought things for making dinner (supper) for two families-the Huffs and Patti and Avee Huffman, who just arrived Friday night. Janet agreed to fix the meals for Saturday night so that she would have the day to prepare, instead of having to work all day and then try to prepare the meals. We roasted two chickens with potatoes, sliced some carrots for carrot sticks, cut up a watermelon, and Janet made an angel food cake from a mix (from when my Mom moved into the Lodge) to go with some strawberries. We took one chicken and half of the other things to the Huffs' place (Beth is just able to get up and around) and Patti and Avee came to our place. They didn't stay very late as they both had jet-lag.

Wednesday Janet was in charge of the high school/middle school chapel. She asked three students who had done summer missions to share about their experience. She encouraged them to challenge the other students to do the same thing. After asking the three students several times in the days before the chapel how their preparation was going and not getting very reassuring answers, she was a bit concerned. Wednesday morning she found out that two of them had been working until late Tuesday night getting everything ready; all that worry for nothing. They did a great job.

They had a power point presentation showing pictures of Guatemala and Hungary. They told about how God had used them and some of the things God had taught them. Janet was very pleased with what they shared. Later that day she heard one of them sharing more with students who were asking questions. It is encouraging to see how God is using the students at Hillcrest to challenge each other in their relationship with God.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet
Snyder

by Lita Reid

Jackson W.I. held their first meeting of the year 2005 at the home of Kathie Reid with perfect attendance of 13 members as well as a number of guests; Kathie's mother Betty Thomas, Sharon Bird and Mary Thomson. Kathie chose "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" before we repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. President Evelyn Robertson highlighted some articles in the magazine "Our Canada" enlightening us on the changes in Yellowknife which have taken place since the village it was in '38 to becoming the capital of the N.W.T. in '67 and the booming metropolis it has become today.

Our Roll Call of "A Healthy Eating Habit" brought many varied responses; Ground flax on yogurt, eating more soups and salads, having the main meal at noon, eating almonds (as a cancer preventive), serve carrots and veggies first before starchier items, flax added to cranberry juice - then eat everything in moderation! One member always has good hot oatmeal porridge with raisins for a good start for the day. Another eats lots of cooked tomatoes, rice, onions, garlic, and cabbage family members - also as a cancer deterrent. Lots of water needs to be drunk, and apples, carrots, prunes and oranges are eaten daily. Nine grain bread made from sprouted grain and avoiding caffeine rounded out our replies - oh, "don't eat like your mother taught you to eat" (must finish up everything on your plate regardless of having eaten enough.)

A note was read from Carol Reid thanking the W.I. for food donations to help fill food hampers last Christmas.

We will serve the Valentine's tea at the Carstairs Chinook Winds Lodge on Monday February 14th at 2 PM.

Our Founder's Day Party will be held on February 12th at 5 PM in the Cremona Gold

and Silver Centre. Another Founder's Day luncheon to remember will be held at the Cottonwood Hall SW of Innisfail on February 19th at 12:30 PM. A special quilt to celebrate Alberta's Centennial will be on display which will be hung in the Legislature in the future. Marie Scott informed us about Farm Women's Conference "Decision With Vision" to be held February 10th in the Town and Country Centre in Airdrie. Interesting guest speakers will keep your attention alerted after a roast beef luncheon.

Guest Mary Thomson elaborated on "Operation E.M.S. ASIA asking for help filling containers to assist the thousands of victims of the Tsunami a month ago. Jo. Hutchinson informed Dorit of the project Cochrane Grade 12 students have been involved with. They have erected 30 solar panels which will produce 1%

of the electricity used by the school. This is hands on learning for all of them. David Suzuki will be on hand for the Opening Ceremonies on February second.

Fellow member Joan

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Foat was our guest speaker informing us of the interesting age we are entering concerning world fuel consumption. Finding ways to economize on

fuel and electricity is essential and alternative sources of energy must be pursued. We thank Joan for a most interesting presentation.

On January 27th at 1:30 PM there will be an Executive meeting of the Wild Rose Constituency. With only three branches now operating, changes in our setup will be forth coming. Darlene Halsett delighted our hostess Kathie by presenting her with a A.W.I. pin. Darlene then proceeded to entertain us with several humorous anecdotes. Our February meeting will be held at Dorit Bird's on February 23rd at 1:30 PM and ladies are invited to attend.

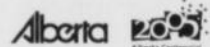
Kathie's daughter-in-law Andrea Reid and Allison Van Arnam served us a delectable Sushi lunch after Andrea gave us a demonstration of how to make sushi, which brought an end to a delightful afternoon.

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QUESTION: I'm concerned about the violent content of some children's cartoon shows and the toys and other products connected with them. My husband thinks they're harmless. What's your point of view?

DR. DOBSON: I share your misgivings. There's a trend toward a brand of violence in some of today's cartoons and toys that I see as a dangerous departure from the more traditional combat-type games in which boys have always engaged.

For one thing, the characters tend to be adults involved in adult activities, some of which are highly questionable. I don't think they are appropriate role models for impressionable young children. The settings are mythical or futuristic, and the action often revolves around superstition, sorcery and magic. For these reasons they concern me for spiritual as well as psychological reasons.

The electronic media have incredible power to "sell" these dubious heroes and their exploits to our children. Studies have measured actual psychological changes that occur when kids are watching a violent television program or movie: The pulse rate quickens, the eyes dilate, the hands sweat, the mouth goes dry and breathing accelerates. It should be obvious that this kind of "entertainment" has a dramatic emotional impact -- especially if it's repeated often enough. And the toys that are marketed as "spin-offs" from such programs serve only to reinforce or extend those negative effects. What's more, there's no balancing positive, healthy or educational component to these products.

That's why our organization, Focus on the Family, and others have made major investments in high-quality videos and other materials for children. We must provide alternatives for families that want their kids to have wholesome entertainment but are determined to protect them from the popular culture. We will continue to do what we can to meet that need.

QUESTION: I don't believe kids are as easily influenced by the media and entertainment industry as you say. What they see does not necessarily determine how they behave.

DR. DOBSON: Well, look at it this way. Back in the early '80s, the most popular movie was a science fiction film entitled "E.T." It included a brief scene where the little creature from outer space was given a few pieces of the candy, Reese's Pieces. The brand was not named, but children recognized it during its few seconds on the screen. In the months that followed, the sale of Reese's Pieces went through the ceiling. Isn't that a clear example of a movie's influence on children's thinking?

Why do advertisers spend billions of dollars to put their products before the people if what we see and hear does not influence our behavior? Why do schools and colleges purchase textbooks for children and young adults if what they read does not translate into influence of one form or another?

Of course children are vulnerable to what they witness! We all are. How much greater impact is made by dramatic, sexually oriented, no-holds-barred musical and theatrical presentations that are aimed at the hearts and souls of our kids? Who are we kidding when we say they are not harmed by the worst of it?

QUESTION: My family and I have been in France for four years, but I'm told I still have a strong accent. My 9-year-old daughter, however, speaks perfect French. How come children can learn a language so much easier than adults?

DR. DOBSON: It is true that children can learn to speak perfect Russian, Chinese, Spanish or any other language used around the world, yet 15 or 20 years later, most people will have a much harder time trying to make those same sounds.

Researchers now know why this is true. It's explained by a process known as "phoneme contraction." The larynx of a young child assumes a shape necessary to make any sounds that he or she is learning to use at that time. It then solidifies or hardens in those positions, making it impossible or very difficult to make other sounds later in life. In other words, there's a window of opportunity when anything is possible linguistically, but it closes very quickly.

Keep working on your French, even though you'll probably never get rid of your accent.

Prairie
Partners
Update

by Brayden Osterman

Another month of fun for the Prairie Partners 4-H Multi Club.

We had our first January meeting after the long Christmas break on the 13th at Lone Pine Hall.

On the 16th lots of us enjoyed the curling bonspiel held at the Didsbury Curling Club with 4-Her's from all over participating. The horse members enjoyed another ride in Olds on Jan 22nd. Man it felt good to ride again. January 23rd we held our 4-H public speaking competition, it was a great day and we all had a wonderful lunch. We would like to thank all the judges who came out for the day to judge us. The following 4-Her's will be moving on to the Area Public Speaking on Feb. 13th at the Westcott Hall, Junior: Conrad Ostermann and Deena Durstling, Int: Nikki Durstling and Brayden Ostermann, Senior: Kagen Laut and Skyler Davis. Good luck to those 4-H members who will be moving on. Next general meeting will be held Feb 10th. hope to see you next month.

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Sports

AIRDRIE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIGHTNING

Lightning wins hard fought victory

The Airdrie Rocky Mountain Lightning went on the road on the weekend into the toughest place to win in the Rural Alberta AAA Midget Hockey League and came out with a hard-fought victory.

The Lightning, looking for points to solidify their playoff spot in the south division, battled back from a 2-0 disadvantage to earn a 3-2 win against the Spruce Grove TimberWolves Friday night. The Wolves, the top team in the north division of the league, have lost just four games this year and two of those losses have come against the first-year Lightning.

Spruce Grove jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period of play and out-shot the visitors 12-5. The Lightning picked up their play in the second period to narrow the gap to 2-1 on an unassisted goal from Danny Miller. Miller, playing the point, made a nice play to block a pass coming out of the zone, then drilled a slapshot that rang off the post and into the net past the startled Spruce Grove goalie.

The Lightning out-shot the home team 13-11 in the middle frame.

Josh Robertson capped a hard-working effort with the tying goal early in the third period. Carson Rowat earned the assist. Robertson lifted the puck past the Wolves netminder after consistent pressure in the Spruce Grove end.

With the momentum clearly turning in the favor of the visitors, the winning goal came on a fierce goalmouth scramble. Captain Mike Bannister, lying face down on the ice at the edge of the crease with two Spruce Grove defencemen on top of him, shoveled the puck across the crease behind the Wolves goalie to line-mate Yuzo Wakatsuki who tapped the puck in for the winning marker. The third member of the line, Tyler Rasmussen, who had dug the puck out of the corner to start the play, earned

the other assist.

Garrett Sheehan made several excellent saves for the visitors to preserve the win. The Lightning also had solid performances from their defensive corps of Braiden Burke, Miller, Colby Kramer, Harrison Tribble, Curtis Doll and Dustin Schlichter as they held the high-flying Wolves forwards off the board.

The Lightning out-shot the home side in the third period 7-6, making the final shot count 29-25 in favor of Spruce Grove.

The local squad returned to Spruce Grove for a return engagement on Sunday and came away on the short end of a 2-1 count. This game was an extension of the Friday night action as both teams played a tight-checking contest with limited scoring chances.

Rowat from Robertson had the lone tally for the visitors. The Lightning had several good chances to even the count in the late going but were unable to get the equalizer.

Aaron Dell was steady between the pipes for the visitors.

The weekend win, combined with two losses by the Lloydminster Blazers and a single loss by the Wainwright Polar Kings, leaves the Lightning three points ahead of Lloydminster and eight ahead of Wainwright in the south division. Two of the three teams will advance to post-season action. The locals have five games left while Lloydminster has six and Wainwright seven. The Lightning are in action again this weekend with back-to-back games against the Northeast Panthers.

Four members of the Lightning — Bannister, Rowat, Tribble and Wakatsuki—took part in the league all-star game on Saturday afternoon in Spruce Grove. Playing before a large crowd and on separate lines, the four were solid as the south got thumped 6-1 by the north division while out-shooting the north.

February Curling News

by Marge St. Clair

9954 or Curtis 335-9402.

Wed. Mar. 2 - 6

As part of the Centennial Celebrations in Didsbury, the Curling Club is holding a Corn Broom Open Bonspiel, your entry fee includes 4 brand new corn brooms. We want to keep this an old fashioned bonspiel so please (1) no stick deliveries. (2) no sliding crutches. (3) no push brooms. There will be a banquet and D.J. Sat. night. On Sat. bring out your old curling gear - sweaters, shoes, kneepads, tams, etc. prizes will be awarded. Phone Ric Phillips Jr. 335-9954.

A note from a team from Calgary who attended the Seniors Bonspiel. "What a great and generous bonspiel (DELICIOUS TOO). It was cold but so many nice people are worth the travel. We'll try to "up" the curling quality and you'll try to "up" the thermometer, we're so wimpy in the city."

Fri. Jan. 21

The Value Drug Mart's Closest to the Heart Competition was held at the Didsbury Curling Rink at 7:00 p.m. with 18 entrants, sponsored by Ward Value Drug Mart and the entry money was presented to the D.C.C. by Wanda Mudry, for Bill & Margo Ward who were unable to attend. Rick Phillips Sr. almost had his rock right on the button to win first prize and a new jacket. He with, Jolene Leuker will have their names put in for a draw for a big screen T.V.

Feb. 4 & 5

"Red Eye Bonspiel, Fri. 7:00 p.m. - last draw Sat. 7:00 p.m. Choose a country, dress in the ethnic theme of that country - excellent prizes for costumes. Phone Ric 335-

Fri. Feb. 11 & Sat. Feb. 12

Alberta Mennonite Mens, entries to Herman Epp 335-3894. Come & watch some great curling; the lunches & pies are the best!

Feb. 15 - 19th

Canadian Stick Curling Classic choose 1 Day (15th to 18th) to curl and qualify. 32 Qualifying teams play off on Sat. Feb. 19th. Daytime curling only, pay per win, Plus, Event Winner Prizes. Phone Carson 335-4954 or Garry 335-4776.

Fri. Feb. 25 & Sat. Feb. 26

Didsbury Lions Club Open Bonspiel starts at 7:00 p.m. Fri. night. Get your entry in to Bruce Smith 335-9173 by Feb. 21 please. 2 Events, cash prizes. Come and watch and eat, the Lions are excellent cooks, all monies raised are used for Community Projects.

Didsbury Mens Bonspiel Jan. 21-23

Some great curling was witnessed in this bonspiel, the lunches were delicious and the camaraderie at an all time high.

The results are as follows:

A Event

1. Steve Richardson - Olds with Doug Manning, Gord Empey & Al Qually
2. Jeff Bauer - Torrington with Daryl Bauer, Al Weimer, Jason Ensminger.
3. Ric Phillips Jr. with Al Crawford, Darren Krebs and Rob Scott.

B Event

1. Rick Phillips Sr. with Sean Phillips, Keith Mullen & Stephen Luft.
2. Larry Hildebrandt with Doug Luft, Cam Buschert & Jason Hildebrandt
3. Kevin Robertson - Strathmore
4. Stan Laveck - Didsbury

C Event

1. Guy Scholz - Calgary with Jim Perry, skip, Shawn Corniak and Jeff Sinden
2. Carson Schultz with Justin Patten, skip, Andrew Elliot & Cody Atkinson
3. Barry Reese, Greg Reese, Vance van Dam, Lee Hunter.
4. Lyle Craven - Bob Waters, skip, Dave Melnichuk, Jim Craven (Nick Baran)

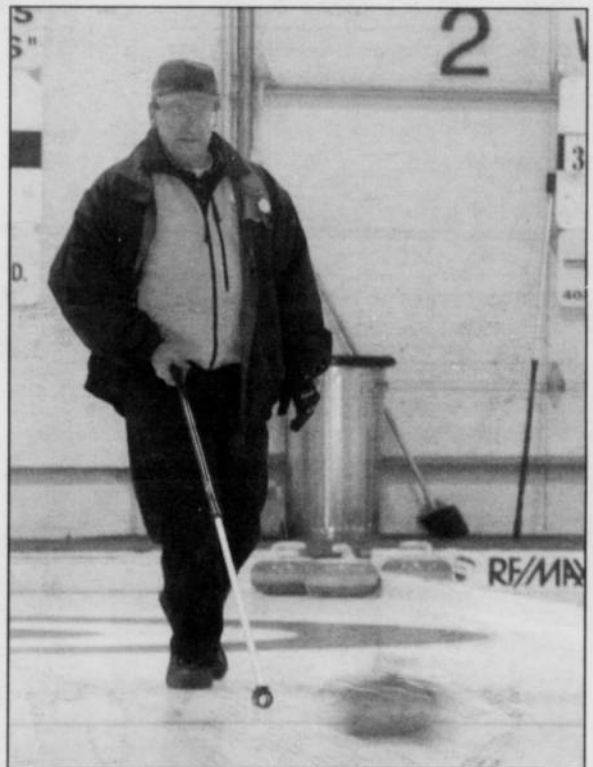


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Carson Schultz stick curls last Tuesday afternoon. Schultz came in second in the C event at the Men's Bonspiel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBITUARIES



Dorothy Vivian Frankish (Nee Naylor) 89 years, born August 4, 1915 in Okotoks, Alberta, passed away peacefully in Didsbury, Alberta on January 28, 2005. Vivian is survived by her devoted husband Norman, sister Sybil MacLachlan of Ottawa, Ontario, sisters-in-law Patricia Naylor, Calgary, and Hilda Naylor, Penticton, BC, daughters Dale (Jim) Watson, Cranbrook, BC, Margo (Bill) Ward, Didsbury, AB and son Bill (Irma) Frankish of Banff, AB, grandchildren Keelan (Teri) Brereton, Patrick & David Ward, Nigel (Sylvie) Frankish, Jason (Lea) Frankish, Charlotte (Graham) Beavens, Derek (Wendy) Watson, and great grandchildren Ava Frankish and Justin Brereton. Vivian was predeceased by her brothers William Naylor, Calgary, and Charles Naylor, Penticton and brother-in-law Hugh MacLachlan. For many years Vivian was an active member of Canadian Legion Br. #264 and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Calgary and for 52 years she was an active member and officer of Mizpah Chapter # 6 Order of the Eastern Star. Vivian was the second child of an RCMP officer whose family moved about Southern Alberta, living in

Olds, Brooks, Medicine Hat, Irving, Irricana and eventually Pincher Creek where she met Norman. They were married in St. Andrews Anglican Church, Pincher Creek on February 1, 1942. The newly weds moved to Calgary where they lived until 2004, when they moved to Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury.

Vivian will be fondly remembered by friends and family for her sense of humor, her poems, beautiful embroidery and fine crochet, her devotion to family, and the worlds best turkey soup.



LANDEEN - John Erick
1917-2005

On Friday, January 21, 2005, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the age of 87 years. John was born on September 4, 1917 in the Mizpah/Sunnybrook area near Hanna, AB. He was the fourth child of Sarah Ethel and Erick Landeen. The Landeen family moved west to Didsbury and began farming in 1926. He joined the Manitoba Dragoons and fought in World War II in France until he was wounded in battle. Upon returning to Canada, he met the love of his life, Eva Marie Tetzlaff, and they were married on June 23, 1945. John worked at the

Colonel Belcher Hospital for the Department of Veterans Affairs until his retirement in 1978. Family always came first. He truly loved life, taking great pleasure in fishing, hiking, curling, golf, baseball, gardening, music, dancing, walking the dog, travelling, and a good game of crib, poker, chess or checkers. Family and friends were always made to feel welcome and comfortable in their home.

John will be remembered for his gentle spirit, honesty and compassion for his fellow man. He always saw the good in others and during his journey made many lifelong friends.

John will be dearly missed by his wife Eva; his son Jerry (Merlene) Landeen; his daughter Valerie (Rick) Anderson; his grandchildren, Fraser Landeen, Jeffery Anderson, Jennifer (Reynoudt) Jalink; and one great-granddaughter Riley Jalink. He is also survived by his sisters, Sally Rowell, Beatrice Weidner, Ethel (Jack) Bowerman; his sister-in-law Kay Landeen; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and older brother Douglas.

"To the world you may be one person
but to us you were the world."
You will be missed beyond
measure but never forgotten.
God be with you.

A Celebration of John's Life was held at MCINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S Fish Creek Chapel (14441 Bannister Road S.E.) on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com

If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made directly to the Father Lacombe Care Centre, East Wing, 332-146 Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB T2X 2A3 (Telephone: 256-4641). The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated staff (true angels) at Father Lacombe Care Centre who treated dad with love and respect. In living memory of John Landeen, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by MCINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Fish Creek Chapel

Elva Jean Williamson 1934-2005
Jean Williamson, beloved mother and grandmother, of Didsbury, Ab. passed away suddenly on January 25, 2005. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Julia (Roger) Engel, granddaughters Amanda and Ashley, Aunt Myrtle Holt of Calgary and her very dear friends and neighbors.

Arrangements in care of Mountain View Funeral Home.

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Bruce Sheils

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Our family would like to express our sincere thanks to friends and family for all the phone calls, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy in the passing of our sister and aunt, Gladys Dowell.

Lois & Mernus Casebeer and families
We would like to thank the members of the Carstairs Fire Department (sorry we do not know your individual names) as well as the members from Mountain View Emergency Services, (Paramedic Trevor, EMT Pat, and student Aaron) for the tremendous care you provided to our father back in December. You arrived at our home west of Carstairs within minutes of our call to 911 and you provided Dad with the professional care needed to save his life. We know that you are well trained to do what you do, but we cannot help but be in awe of your quick response and expert delivery. You are truly extraordinary souls. Thank you from Ed and Lorna Frere, Danny and Laureen Frere, Paul and Jean Frere, and Tom and Eveline Hand. Our parents thank you as well, Lou and Tessa Frere.

OBITUARY NOTICE

John (Jack) Barlow
passed away
January 27, 2005.
Memorial Service February
5, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Cremona
Congregational Church

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COMING EVENTS

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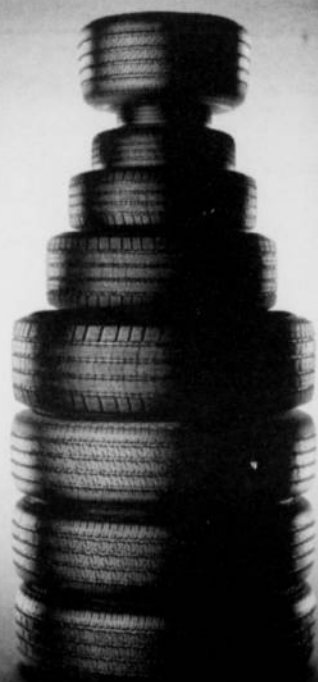
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